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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

In re Application of :  
Gibbons, et al. : DECISION ON PETITION  
Application No. 09/659,643 :  
Filed: September 12, 2000 :  
Atty. Dkt. No.: AM100081 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 16, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the final Office action mailed June 27, 2005. Notice of Abandonment was mailed January 13, 2006.

A grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(c).

The instant petition has been reviewed and found in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b). Accordingly, the failure to timely submit a proper reply to the final Office action is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

**The Notice of Appeal has been entered and made of record. The two-month period for filing an appeal brief (accompanied by the fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(c)), runs from the date of this decision.**

This application will be forwarded to Technology Center 1600 for further processing.

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Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205.

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